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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Claim 2, line 1: Delete "A" and insert --The--.

Claim 3, line 1: Delete "A" and insert --The--.

Claim 4 (amended):

A protein involved in the formation of circadian rhythm in the suprachiasmatic nucleus (SCN) comprising [the] an amino acid sequence described in SEQ ID NO: 1 or an amino acid sequence described in SEQ ID NO: 2, or said sequence in which one or more amino acids are substituted, deleted, or added.

Claim 6 (amended):

A protein involved in the formation of circadian rhythm in the suprachiasmatic nucleus (SCN) encoded by the DNA comprising [having] a sequence described in SEQ ID NO: 3 or a